

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original): A floor protector assembly adapted to be secured to the leg of a chair or table for protecting the floor on which the chair or table rests from scuffing comprising:
 - a) a main body portion having securing means associated therewith for securing the same to the leg of a chair or table;
 - b) a removable floor protector retainer attached to said main body portion, said retainer having an upper wall and a bottom wall, an opening through said bottom wall;
 - c) a floor protector mounted in said opening and retained therein, said floor protector having a portion extending downwardly from and outwardly from the retainer beyond the bottom wall thereof for engagement with the floor on which the chair or table rests;
 - d) said securing means including an elongated nail terminating at one end in a sharpened point and at the other end in an enlarged head, said securing means further including a pair of elongated prongs on opposite sides of said nail terminating at one end in sharpened points, said enlarged head of said nail being mounted in a slot in said floor protector, each of said prongs having enlarged heads mounted in slots on opposite sides of the slot in said floor protector in which said head of said nail is mounted; and
 - e) at least one shim mounted on said main body portion remote from said floor protector, said at least one shim having a varying thickness thereacross to compensate for legs of a chair or table that may be unstable with respect to the floor on which it sits.
2. (original): The assembly of claim 1 wherein said at least one shim has an outer periphery substantially conforming to the outer periphery of said main body portion.

3. (original): A floor protector assembly adapted to be secured to the leg of a chair or table for protecting the floor on which the chair or table rests from scuffing comprising:

- a) a main body portion having securing means associated therewith for securing the same to the leg of a chair or table;
- b) a removable floor protector retainer attached to said main body portion, said retainer having an upper wall and a bottom wall, an opening through said bottom wall;
- c) a floor protector mounted in said opening and retained therein, said floor protector having a portion extending downwardly from and outwardly from the retainer beyond the bottom wall thereof for engagement with the floor on which the chair or table rests, said securing means including an elongated nail terminating at one end in a sharpened point and at the other end in an enlarged head, said securing means further including a pair of elongated prongs on opposite sides of said nail terminating at one end in sharpened points, said enlarged head of said nail being mounted in a recessed area in said floor protector, each of said prongs having enlarged heads mounted in recessed areas on opposite sides of the recessed area in said floor protector in which said head of said nail is mounted; and
- d) at least one shim mounted on said main body portion remote from said floor protector, said at least one shim having a varying thickness thereacross to compensate for legs of a chair or table that may be unstable with respect to the floor on which it sits.

4. (original): The assembly of claim 3 wherein said at least one shim has an out periphery substantially conforming to the outer periphery of said main body portion.

5. (original): The assembly of claim 3 wherein said retainer has an upstanding peripheral wall surrounding said opening and is removably secured to said main body portion by mating threaded means on the outer periphery of said main body portion and on the inside of the peripheral wall of said retainer.

6. (original): The assembly of claim 3 wherein said floor protector includes a rigid portion resting on the bottom wall of said retainer and an integral cushioning portion extending downwardly through said opening.
7. (currently amended): The assembly of claim 6 wherein said cushioning portion is of felt.
8. (currently amended): A floor protector assembly adapted to be secured to the leg of a chair or table for protecting the floor on which the chair or table rests from scuffing [or the like] comprising:
 - a) a main body portion having securing means associated therewith for securing the same to the leg of a chair or table;
 - b) a removable floor protector retainer attached to said main body portion, said retainer having an upper wall and a bottom wall, an opening through said bottom wall;
 - c) a floor protector mounted in said opening and retained therein, said floor protector having a portion extending downwardly from and outwardly from the retainer beyond the bottom wall thereof for engagement with the floor on which the chair or table rests; and
 - d) at least one shim mounted on such main body portion remote from said floor protector, said at least one shim being generally circular and having a progressively varying thickness [thereacross] to across the diameter thereof from one side to the other starting from a relatively thin thickness at one edge thereof to a thicker thickness at the opposite edge thereof compensate for legs of a chair or table that may be unstable with respect to the floor on which it sits.
9. (currently amended): The assembly of claim 8 wherein said at least one shim has an outer periphery substantially conforming to the outer periphery of said main body portion.